AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE GROUP 2684

> PATENT APPLICATION Q-67618

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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Appln. No.: 10/009,573 Group Art Unit: 2684

Confirmation No.: 9696 Examiner: Sharma, Sujatha R.

Filed: December 12, 2001

For: AN AIRCRAFT FLYING AT HIGH ALTITUDE TO SERVE AS A RADIO RELAY, AND A

METHOD OF GETTING THE AIRCRAFT ONTO STATION

## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of three (3) months, extending the time for responding to the Office Action of January 30, 2006 to July 30, 2006.

The statutory fee of \$1,020.00 is being charged to Deposit Account No. 19-4880 via EFS Payment Screen. The USPTO is also directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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